SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஹரிஜன முன்னேற்றத்தில் அக்கறை கொண்டவர்கள் என்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன முறையைக் கையாள்கிருர்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government have got not only their own machinery, but they know who are all taking interest in this work. They receive reports from Collectors. There are some prominent workers who are already known to the Government."

Harassment of Harijans by Maravas at Etteri, Tirunelveli district.

* 850 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation from Etteri Adi-Dravida Seerthirutha Sangham regarding raids and harassment against the Harijans at Etteri, Tirunelveli district, at midnight on 6th August 1953 by Maravas; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government and the results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) A case was registered under sections 457 and 380, I.P.C., but this was referred as ' undetectable '.

Steps were also taken to initiate security proceedings under section 110 (a), Cr.P.C., against four Maravars. The respondents however were discharged as they had compromised their differences with the Harijans through the mediation of the Harijan Welfare Officer."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 1953-ம் வருஷம் ஆகஸ்ட்டு மீ 6உ-ல் ஈட்டேரியில் நடந்த சம்பவம் சம்பந்தமாக அதைச்சுற்றிலும் உள்ள ஹரிஜன சங்கங்கள் சூறையாடப்பட்டு, சில கொலே, களவும் ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதாக சொல்லப் படுகிறது. இந்த விஷயத்தில் அரசாங்கம் ஒன்றும் செய்வதற்கில்லே என்று தெரிவித்து ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் மீது தனிப்பட்ட கேஸ் போடுமாறு சொல்லுகிருர்கள். ஹரிஜனங்கள் பணத்திற்கு எங்கே போவார்கள் ? ஆதலால் சர்க்கார் இதுமாதிரியான விஷயங்களில் சரியான முறையைக்கையாள வேண்டுமென்று கலெக்டர்களுக்கு உத்திரவு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have no information with reference to the subsequent events alleged by the hon. Member. But, if they are brought to my notice, certainly suitable action will be taken."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" சமாதானமாகிவிட்டதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறினுர்கள். சமாதானத்துக்குப் பின்பும் கொடுமைகள் நடந்து கொண்டிருப்பதாக அவ்வூர் ஹரிஜனங்களிடமிருந்து சர்க்காருக்குத் தகவல் ஏதாவது வந்ததா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have any information with me now that there were subsequent events. But, anyhow, if any incident happened and if that is brought to my notice, suitable action will certainly be taken."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்கள் சம்பந்தமாக மாதாமாதம் பம்பாயிலிருந்து பேப்பர் ரிபோர்ட்கள் வருகின்றனவா ? என்ன ரிபோர்ட்டு வருகிறது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what reliance can be placed on reports received from Bombay with reference to incidents happening in our area here. But anyhow, if it happens to be useful information, certainly I would make use of it."

Thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores.

* 851 *Q.*— SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI (on behalf of Sri T. P. Elumalai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 8–30 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have received copies of any resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the Public Works Department Workers' Union in May and June 1953 making mention of several thefts and losses in the Public Works Department Workshop and Stores and several irregularities committed every now and then by the authorities of the said workshop and stores; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government received certain resolutions of this committee relating to the service grievances of the workers. It was also alleged that there were thefts of articles and tools from workshop. It was found on investigation that these so-called thefts referred to one solitary case of the loss of 59 obsolete silver badges. Action is being taken to recover the cost of these badges from those responsible for their loss."

B.C.G. Campaign in the City.

* 852 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is now any B.C.G. Campaign in this State;

(*b*) if so, in which parts of the State this campaign is conducted;

(*c*) how much money has been collected by selling tuberculosis seals during 1953–54; and

(*d*) how much money has been spent for the campaign in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) In Madras City only.

" (*c*) The Tuberculosis Seal Sale Campaign, 1953–54, the fourth of the series, started on 2nd October 1953 and terminated on 26th January 1954. The District Organizations are collecting the sale-proceeds from various agencies in their